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## Statewide Summary of Montana's 2002-03 Traffic Education Programs\*

(From the period of July 1, 2002– June 30, 2003)

### PROGRAM ENROLLMENT:

166 high school districts were **eligible** to offer a traffic education program.  
146 high school districts **offered** a state-approved traffic education program.  
13,276 students were **eligible** to enroll in traffic education.  
9,816 students **completed** traffic education.

### WHEN OFFERED:

36 districts offered the program during **regular school hours**.  
78 districts offered the program **after school hours**.  
102 districts offered the program in the **summer**.

### PROGRAM FEES:

49 high school districts charged a **fee** during the **first semester**; 74 during the **second semester**; and 96 during the **summer**. The **minimum** fee charged was **\$20.00**. The **maximum** fee charged was **\$340.00**. The **mode** fee charged was **\$100.00**.  
28 **plan**, for the upcoming school year and summer, to **increase the fee** charged students.

### PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS:

66 district **granted credit** for successful completion of traffic education.  
130 districts **screened students** for visual acuity.  
79 districts employed a traffic and safety education **coordinator and/or supervisor**.  
76 districts offered **pedestrian** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.  
97 districts offered **school bus rider** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.  
74 districts offered **bicycle** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.  
65 districts offered traffic education for **adult** beginners.  
142 districts provided traffic education for **students with disabilities**.  
136 districts taught an instructional unit on sharing the road with **motorcycles**.  
146 districts emphasized and required the use of **seatbelts**.  
145 districts used Montana's current Traffic Education **Curriculum Guide** for its high school program.  
26 districts **conducted follow-up research** on student performance (violations/accidents).  
146 districts taught an instructional unit on the effects of **alcohol/drug** use in driving.  
96 districts involved **parents** in the Traffic Education program.  
117 districts participated in the **Cooperative Driver Testing Program (CDTP)**.  
91 districts utilized **computers** in their program.  
125 districts used **OPI Web site** to obtain traffic education information.

### NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND RATES OF PAY:

27 **full-time** teachers were employed.  
276 **part-time** teachers were employed.  
\$10.00 per hour is the **minimum** rate paid.  
\$50.00 per hour is the **maximum** rate paid.  
\$15.00 per hour is the **mode** minimum rate paid.  
\$15.00 per hour is the **mode** maximum rate paid.

### VEHICLES:

296 **vehicles** were used in the program.  
9 districts obtained their vehicles on a **free loan** basis.  
8 districts obtained their vehicles on a **daily fee** basis.  
51 districts obtained their vehicles on a **lease or rent** basis.  
84 districts **owned** their vehicles.  
2 **instructors owned** and provided vehicles.  
4 districts used **other** means to obtain vehicles.

### ACCIDENTS:

10 traffic **accidents** occurred involving a student driver while in the traffic education vehicle.  
4 persons were **killed**.  
0 persons were **injured**.  
\$18,210.30 **property damage** costs incurred.

### COST PER PUPIL:

\$354.24 is the **average** per pupil cost. (District costs were partially offset by state reimbursement amounting to **\$73.66** per pupil)

\* This information was compiled from the 2002-03 Traffic Education Program Surveys completed by all high school districts conducting state-approved traffic education programs during the summer of 2002 and the school year 2002-03. If you have questions, please contact David Huff at (406) 444-4432 or